THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and the same will be placed On the Table of the House as soon as received.

Criteria for Fixation of Remunerative Prices for Agricultural Produce

1488. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria being adopted for fixing the remunerative prices of agricultural produce;

(b) whether the same criteria are adorted for each produce; if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasong therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to pay fair prices to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The Government decide on the procurement/minimum support prices for various agricultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries as weft as the Planning Commission. The CACP while recommending the price policy for a commodity takes into account not only a comprehensive over-view of the entire structure of the economy of a particular commodity but also a number of important factors such as available data on the cost of production, changes in input prices trends in market prices, demand and supply, intercrop price variations, effects on industrial cost structure, general price level and cost of living, parity between prices paid and prices received^ etc.

(d) It is the declared policy of the Government to ensure remune-rative price to the growers for their produce. The prices fixed by Government cover cost of production and also provide a reasonable margin of profit to give, incentive to farmers for investment and adoption of new technology.

Visit of World Bank President to Anand

1489. SHRl RAM AWADHESH SINGH; Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Presi dent is to visit Anand to see the work ing of World Bank aided Operation Flood I and II Projects to arrange loans for Operation Flood ni Pro ject; and

(b) whether it is a fact that ob-pectives of the World Bank loans given for Operation Flood II have not been achieved largely due to poor monitoring and timely evalua tion and correction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINTSTRY OF AGRICULTURE 'SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The World Bank President visited Anand On 8-11-1987 in order to familiarise himself with the working of the National Dairy Development Board and the Cooperative Milk Project.

(b) The objectives of the World Bank-assisted ODeration Flood H Project were satisfactorily achieved.

Assessment made by Central Survey Team

1490. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Survey teams to assess the drought in various